THE
Risks of WARRIORS!
OR, THE
Tricks of TYRANTS.

Addreſs'd to His Grace the Duke of GRAFTON, and the Right Honourable the Earl of NORTHUMBERLAND, Lords-Lieutenants of Counties, and Commanders of Militia.

By a late Victorious Generaliſſimo's Grandſon, formerly forc'd away from the Royal *Train* of *Artillery* in *England*, without a lawful Diſcharge, and moſt illegally detain'd Eleven Years in a Marching Regiment Abroad; whoſe Damages ſucceſſively ſuſtain'd (upon the ſame Account) amount to 3000 Guineas, by a moderate Computation; beſides 300 Guineas or upwards of long Arrears, according to His Majeſty's Expreſs Articles of War.

For the Neglect of ſuch Precepts, a late Admiral was ſeemingly Shot, and certain General Officers have juſtly deſerv'd the ſame Fate; who ſtopt their Soldiers full ſtipends, except only Fourteen Pence a Week, until they wanted ſtrength to defend their reſpective Fortreſſes.

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Risks of Warriors! &c.

To His Grace the Duke of GRAFTON.

Great Sir:

SINCE the noble Earl of *Northumberland*, Lord in Waiting at St. *James's* laſt Spring, receiv'd my Printed Caſe for the King's Peruſal, I am now in good Hopes of a ſpeedy Anſwer; as that brave Nobleman, and his munificent Counteſs, the Publick muſt allow, were always ready to ſerve their diſtreſs'd Dependents in every juſt Cauſe. Nevertheleſs, my being lately Marry'd to an old Servant of your Lady's Family, has given me encouragement enough to ſollicit your Intereſt likewiſe; ſince our future Welfare in this World, under the Divine Providence, chiefly depends upon my Royal Maſter's Appointment: Therefore I went directly from *London*, quite to *Euſton-Hall*, on the latter End of *October*, with an Addreſs to this ſubſequent Effect.

To her Grace the Dutcheſs of GRAFTON.

Illuſtrious Peereſs:

THE late Widow *Foſter*, now my affectionate Wife, liv'd ſeveral Years in the Capacity of a Houſe-Keeper and Waiting-Woman

Woman, with a well known good Lady, being the Wife of *Thomas Liddell*, Eſquire; at *Newton-Hall*, near *Durham*: Where the ſame Houſe-Keeper receiv'd many ſpecial Favours, by her own Declaration; not only from her reſpective Honourable Maſter and Lady, but alſo from your bountiful Grandmother; likewiſe from that benevolent Patroneſs's noble Son and Daughter, the Right Honourable Lord and Lady *Ravenſworth*; beſides thoſe peculiar Civilities, freſh in her Memory, often receiv'd from yourſelf.

She cannot ſay enough to acknowledge her Gratitude for all thoſe Indulgences, vouchſaf'd to her at different Seaſons, during her moſt frequent ſevere Indiſpoſitions, whilſt ſhe had the Happineſs to live amongſt ſuch liberal Benefactors and Benefactreſſes; whoſe Humanity, ſhe affirms, was not confin'd only to Sick Domeſticks and needy Neighbours, but even extended to all weary Travellers that appear'd real Objects of their Charity.

Beſides thoſe good Families already mentioned, all their ſincere Friends, and moſt familiar Acquaintances, are undoubtedly endow'd (as ſhe nam'd ſeveral) with ſimilar Diſpoſitions: Eſpecially the Honourable Sir *Thomas Clavering* and his Humane Lady, with many other Perſons of remarkable Generoſity; whoſe Names muſt now be entirely omitted, in the abſence of a fair Remembrancer; as my dear Wife, alas! is lately gone into an Hoſpital, merely for want of my Rights to ſupport her better at Home,

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Upon a ſerious Conſideration of ſuch great Diſtreſs, I hope your Grace will prove my Advocate (as our Bleſſed Saviour is for all humane Species) and enable me to get 300 Guineas or upwards of long Arrears; by your powerful Intereſt with ſuch Worthy Relations, all intimate Friends afore-mention'd, and ſuch illuſtrious Alliances as his Grace the Duke of *Grafton's* Family; whoſe vaſt Influence cannot eaſily fail, if once they exert their united Power, of prevailing with our gracious Sovereign, only to put his own Orders in Force: Which favourable Interceſſion at this juncture, for the Sake of a Female long in your Family, will very much oblige, and ſhall ever bind, with all due ſubmiſſion, your Grace's moſt faithful, moſt dutiful, and obſequious humble Servant to command:

JOHN RAILTON.

Moſt Noble Lords-Lieutenants:

I Have poſtpon'd my juſt Claim to 3000 Guineas in Damages, ſince the ſaid Gold cannot anyways be recover'd at preſent, without a rigid Proſecution, and caſhiering of ſeveral Arbitrary General Officers; who were principally concern'd in the moſt atrocious Scene of Villany, perhaps, that ever was acted in the *Britiſh* Army!

For which Weighty Reaſons, this Tract is entitl'd, The Riſks of Warriors! Or, The Tricks of Tyrants: Since thoſe unjuſt Generals all join'd with my Wealthy Relations, in a wicked Combination, both to deprive me of my Birth-Right, and ſuch Preferment as might well

well be expected in the Royal *Train* of *Artillery*.

The Riſks of Warriors do not conſiſt in Skirmiſhes or Rencounters, nor in pitch'd Battles with the common Enemy, but derive from the more imminent Danger of keen Oppreſſion, by ſuch lawleſs Savages as allow'd the King's Soldiers but Fourteen-Pence a Week at *Minorca*; for Waſhing, Shaving, Powdering, and their daily Subſiſtance! See my Zealous Remonſtrances, Pages 21, 22. (Fine encouragement for Liſting of Recruits, in Time of War!) Upon which Account it plainly appears, that I never receiv'd full Pay nor my proper Cloathing, ſince *May* 1737, at *Woolwich-Warren*; neither have the *Train* Officers Paid me any Part of theſe long Arrears, until the Firſt Day of *March* 1755, when they put my Name on their *Mattroſſes* Penſion-Liſt at Six-Pence per Day.

Seventeen Years and Nine Months Arrears, at the Rate of one Shilling every Day, amount to 324l, 3s; beſides other four Years and ten Months up to the Firſt of *January* 1760, Paid Six-Pence ſhort each Day ſince my Penſion commenc'd, doth amount to 44l 3s more; therefore my juſt demands are exactly 368l 6s long Arrears of Pay and Clothing, as it's Apparent to many Gentlemen of the ſame Corps: Namely, General *Belford* may yet well Remember, that he was my reſpective Lieutenant Twenty-two Years ago, with whom I have frequently mounted Guard; ſo his Excellency muſt be Senſible of Courſe, with ſeveral other Contemporaries, that our Field-Officers never ſign'd a Diſcharge upon my Account,

count, as the Military Laws of *England* have ſtrictly appointed: For which important Reaſon, if I had liſted voluntarily into another Regiment, the *Train* Officers might have had me try'd by a General *Court Martial* and Shot for Deſertion; according to the 10th. 11th. and 45th. Articles of War, as follows.

ART. X. All Officers and Soldiers, who have receiv'd Pay, or have been duly liſted in our Service, and ſhall deſert the ſame, either in the Field, upon a March, in Quarters, or in Garriſon, and be convicted thereof before a General Court-martial; ſhall ſuffer Death, or ſuch other Puniſhment as by the ſaid Court-martial ſhall be inflicted.

ART. XI. No Non-Commiſſion Officer or Soldier ſhall leave his Troop or Company, and inliſt himſelf in any other Regiment, Troop, or Company, without a Diſcharge from the Commanding Officer of the Regiment in which he laſt ſerved, under Pain of being reputed a Deſerter, and ſuffering accordingly. And in Caſe any Officer ſhall knowingly receive or entertain any ſuch Non-Commiſſion Officer or Soldier, upon Proof made thereof before a General Court-martial, he ſhall be caſhiered.

Nor ſhall any Diſcharge granted to any Non-commiſſion Officer or Soldier after he has joined the Regiment, Troop, or Company, into which he inliſted, be allow'd of as ſufficient, unleſs ſign'd by a Field Officer of the Regiment whence ſuch Soldier was diſmiſſed.

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ART. XLV. The aforegoing Rules and Articles ſhall be read and publiſhed at the Head of every Regiment, Troop, or Company, muſtered, or to be muſtered in our Service, once every two Months at fartheſt; and are to be duly obſerved by all Officers and Soldiers in our Service; and alſo by our Companies of Gunners, and other Military Officers of our *Trains* of *Artillery*, *&c.*

Notwithſtanding theſe ſtrong Articles of War, the greateſt Part of his Majeſty's Duty Men abroad, were reduced to perfect Skeletons; ſo they became uncapable of defending their reſpective Fortreſſes, as ſome Hundreds of *Veterans* can truly Teſtify upon ſuch a juſt Occaſion! Yet, to prevent any further Infringements of Regal Orders, I hope for your joint Intereſt with the Right Honourable Lord Viſcount *Ligonier*, Maſter General of the Ordnance; alſo the noble Marquis of *Granby*, Lieutenant General of Ditto; and brave General *Belford*, full Colonel of the ſaid Royal Regiament; which Favour, without doubt, will ſoon procure me 368l, 6s, Arrears, or a ſuitable Preferment to Support my Wife; eſpecially, from three of the beſt Generals, perhaps, that ever bore Commiſſions under our gracious Monarch: Otherways, I ſtill preſume, his Majeſty will order ſpeedy Juſtice at your joint Requeſt, as it's the Honour of a Sovereign Prince to ſee his Precepts fairly put in Execution.

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*** *Note*, Theſe following Tracts of different Titles, may be juſtly Term'd the *Risks* of *Warriors*; Or, The *Tricks* of *Tyrants*.

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